

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 121247

15

ORIGIN IO-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AF-06 ARA-06 EA-06 EUR-12 NEA-10 EB-07

ACDA-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00

NASA-01 NSC-05 OES-03 OIC-02 H-02 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 COME-00 BIB-01 /114 R

DRAFTED BY IO/UNP:RGLONG:B
APPROVED BY IO:ROBLAKE
EA/LMCNUTT AF:DZACHARY
S/P:WGATHRIGHT NASA:EANDERSON
L/UNA:RSTOWE
OES/SCI/SA:DVOGT
DOD/ISA:DANDERSON
EUR:DGOOTT
ARA:GMONSMA
NEA:RSEARING

----- 054269

R 232012Z MAY 75
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO
AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY VIENNA
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 121247

E.O. 11652: GDS

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 121247

TAGS:TSPA, UN

SUBJECT:INITIATIVES AT UN OUTER SPACE MEETING IN NEW YORK

1. UN COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE) WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW YORK JUNE 9-20. FORMAL AGENDA LISTS MAJOR ITEMS AS CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (LSC), WHICH MET IN NEW YORK FEBRUARY 10-MARCH 7, AND REPORT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (STSC), WHICH MET IN NEW YORK APRIL 21-MAY 2. THESE REPORTS ENCOMPASS THE FOLLOWING ISSUES, BRIEFLY DISCUSSED IN SUCCEEDING PARAGRAPHS, WHICH ARE OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR US:

A) LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF REMOTE SENSING,

B) PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING, AND

C) ELEMENTS OF A DRAFT TREATY ON THE MOON.

2. REMOTE SENSING:

CERTAIN COUNTRIES, PRINCIPALLY BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, HAVE STRONGLY ARGUED THAT REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH'S RESOURCES OR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FROM SATELLITES SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY "SENSED STATES" BOTH AS TO ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION OF SUCH DATA. UNDER THIS FORMULA ANY STATE COULD VETO THE ACQUISITION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA OF ITS TERRITORY BY ANOTHER STATE AND COULD ALSO CONTROL DISSEMINATION OF SUCH DATA TO OTHER STATES IF THE ACQUISITION WAS APPROVED. BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA HAVE SUBMITTED TO THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE A DRAFT TREATY EMBODYING THESE PRINCIPLES. SOME STATES, NOTABLY SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE, HAVE PROPOSED UNRESTRICTED ACQUISITION OF DATA BUT CONTROL BY THE SENSED STATE OF DISSEMINATION OF EARTH RESOURCES DATA COVERING ITS TERRITORY. USG HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED UNRESTRICTED ACQUISITION AND OPEN AVAILABILITY OF DATA AS IN THE BEST CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 121247

INTERESTS OF ALL NATIONS. US CURRENTLY MAKES AVAILABLE TO ALL COUNTRIES ALL REMOTE SENSING DATA ACQUIRED UNDER ITS EXPERIMENTAL LANDSAT PROGRAM. THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY IN LSC IN LAST TWO YEARS, AND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HAS BEEN SHOWN BY SOME NON-ALIGNED STATES IN THE BRAZIL-ARGENTINE POSITION. IN STSC THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM FOR DEVELOPING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES WHICH WOULD BE BASED ON US POLICIES AND WOULD USE DATA NOW AVAILABLE FROM US LANDSAT PROGRAM. WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING TO WHAT EXTENT THERE MAY BE MOVES AFOOT TO USE FORTHCOMING OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING TO PROMOTE GREATER SUPPORT FOR RESTRICTIVE REMOTE SENSING POLICIES.

FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT SOVIETS, FRENCH, BRAZILIANS AND ARGENTINES MAY ATTEMPT TO COMPROMISE THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS AND PRESENT A COMMON PROPOSAL, SEEKING TO CREATE BANDWAGON EFFECT. THIS COULD PRESENT US WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS AT OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING AND AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT FALL.

3. DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING (DBS)

CERTAIN COUNTRIES (LED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE) FEAR THAT FUTURE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW RECEPTION BY HOME TELEVISION RECEIVERS OF BROADCASTS RELAYED DIRECTLY BY SATELLITES, WILL PERMIT IDEOLOGICAL OR CULTURAL PENETRATION BY TECHNOLOGICALLY SUPERIOR COUNTRIES. THESE COUNTRIES ARE CALLING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT REGULATING SUCH DIRECT BROADCASTING. AT PRESENT US HAS DEMONSTRATED BY NASA'S

ATS-6 SATELLITE THAT SATELLITES CAN BE USED EFFECTIVELY FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF BROADCASTS BUT THIS PROGRAM HAS SO FAR REQUIRED LARGER COMMUNITY-TYPE RECEIVERS. THE US FAVORS THE DEVELOPMENT OF GENERAL GUIDELINES, BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, AND OPPOSES FORMAL AGREEMENT RESTRICTING DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING. AT PRESENT, DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE IN LSC HAS BEEN LIMITED TO DIFFERENT DRAFT PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES. NO COMPREHENSIVE DRAFT TREATY HAS YET BEEN AGREED TO BY THAT SUBCOMMITTEE. WHILE CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 121247

ISSUE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SUBJECT OF DEBATE AT OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT ANY MAJOR INITIATIVE WILL BE TAKEN AT THAT TIME.

4. DRAFT MOON TREATY:

SOVIET UNION PROPOSED IN 1971 A DRAFT TREATY COVERING THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF THE MOON. PRINCIPAL ISSUE WHICH HAS DEVELOPED SINCE THEN IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESOURCES OF THE MOON (AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES) WILL BE SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP. SOVIET UNION AND US FAVOR THE RIGHT OF ANY COUNTRY TO DEVELOP AND EXPLOIT THE MOON'S RESOURCES, WITH THE PROVISIO THAT A SPECIFIC REGIME COVERING COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE MOON'S RESOURCES WOULD BE WORKED OUT WHEN SUCH EXPLOITATION BECOMES ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. INDIA HAS LED A NUMBER OF LDCS IN INSISTING THAT BENEFITS FROM EXPLOITATION OF SUCH RESOURCES SHOULD BE SHARED BY ALL NATIONS AND PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THAT THE PRECISE RIGHTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE SPELLED OUT NOW. THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO HEAD OFF THIS ISSUE AND LEAVE IT FOR

DETERMINATION BY SOME FUTURE CONFERENCE, AND THE US HAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE SOVIET POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

5. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING DISCUSSION ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE LOW KEY APPROACHES TO APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF THE HOST GOVERNMENTS AND SEEK TO DETERMINE: A) WHAT INITIATIVES THE HOST GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE AT THE UPCOMING MEETING AND B) WHAT INITIATIVES IT HAS LEARNED MAY BE TAKEN BY OTHER COUNTRIES. SUGGESTED LINE OF APPROACH FOR EACH CAPITAL IS INDICATED BELOW:

A. LONDON: WE AND THE BRITISH ARE FAIRLY CLOSE ON ALL OF FOREGOING ISSUES AND WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS. EMBASSY MAY DEAL FRANKLY WITH ALL OF ABOVE ISSUES.

B. MOSCOW: IN VIEW OF OPPOSING US AND SOVIET POSITIONS ON REMOTE SENSING AND DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 05 STATE 121247

CASTING, SUGGEST EMBASSY APPROACH SUBJECT BY ASKING WHAT INITIATIVES, IF ANY, SOVIETS PLAN TO TAKE ON MOON TREATY AND WHETHER THEY FORESEE ANY PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES OR LIKELY CHANGES IN NATIONAL VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE AT MEETING. EMBASSY COULD FOLLOW THIS BY PRO FORMA QUESTIONS OF HOW THEY SEE OUTCOME OF MEETING ON ISSUES OF REMOTE SENSING AND DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING. IN SPITE OF DIFFERENT SOVIET AND US VIEWS ON FUTURE FORM OF ORGANIZATION OF REMOTE SENSING (SOVIETS HAVE STATED PREFERENCE FOR SINGLE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION), SOVIET DEL AT RECENT STSC MEETING NEVERTHELESS ACQUIESCED IN REPORT WHICH IS FAVORABLE TO REGIONAL PATTERN DEVELOPING IN US LANDSAT PROGRAM. THIS MAY INDICATE A CHANGE TOWARDS US PREFERENCE.

C. OTTAWA: CANADIANS DO NOT AGREE WITH US ON ALL ASPECTS OF THESE ISSUES BUT ARE USUALLY FORTHRIGHT IN PRESENTING THEIR VIEWS AND INFORMATION. EMBASSY PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS CAN BE FRANK AND TO THE POINT.

D. PARIS: FRENCH TEND TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN LINE ON THESE ISSUES, BUT WE HAVE FOUND THAT THEY OFTEN CONSULT CLOSELY WITH SOVIETS. POSSIBILITY OF FRENCH-SOVIET-BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINE COMPROMISE ON REMOTE SENSING SHOULD NOT BE SUGGESTED, BUT IF FRENCH HINT AT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK TO DRAW OUT FRENCH ON THIS SUBJECT. FRENCH REPS FROM PARIS AT RECENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN LEGAL OR TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL (CHAHID-NOURAI OF QUAI LEGAL, AND HELENE NAUGES OF CNES AT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE, AND CHAHID-NOURAI OF QUAI LEGAL AND LASSALLE-DURAND OF CNES AT STSC).

E. TOKYO: JAPANESE HAVE HIGH INTEREST IN DBS ISSUES
BECAUSE OF THEIR PLANNED EXPERIMENTAL DBS SATELLITE
PROGRAM. THEIR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL HAVE EXPRESSED AN
INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING A LANDSAT REMOTE SENSING GROUND
RECEIVER STATION. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK GOJ VIEWS ON
EXPECTED OUTCOME OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING IN
AREAS OF DBS AND REMOTE SENSING.

6. INFO ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ANY SPECIF-
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 06 STATE 121247

IC APPROACHES ON THESE ISSUES BUT SHOULD REPORT ANY
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ACQUIRED IN COURSE OF NORMAL
CONTACTS.

7. REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEE RESPONSES BY JUNE 3. KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 26 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENT DRAFT, MEETING AGENDA, REMOTE SENSING, SPACE PROGRAMS, COMMUNICATION SATELLITES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE121247
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: IO/UNP:RGLONG:B
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750183-0608
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197505103/baaaakqk.tel
Line Count: 238
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 APR 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <16 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: TSPA, UN
To: LONDON
MOSCOW
OTTAWA
PARIS
TOKYO INFO CAIRO
RIO DE JANEIRO

BUENOS AIRES
NEW DELHI
LAGOS
VIENNA
USUN N Y

Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006